



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF AQUACULTURE



Notice of Shellfish Closure and Recall

For CT DPH Food Protection Program and Local Health Departments

08/03/13

Effective 08/02/13 at 2:15 pm, a shellfish closure and voluntary recall is being implemented. Oysters and clams harvested from the waters of specific lot numbers in Norwalk and Westport have been implicated as the source of a number of illnesses related to the naturally occurring bacteria *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*. Affected harvest dates are 07/03/13 through 08/2/13. Although the shellstock species most likely responsible for these illnesses are oysters, hard clams were also consumed in several of the cases and may also be a source.

Recreational shellfishing areas in Norwalk, Westport, and Darien are also implicated, and have been closed effective 08/02/13. All shellfish harvested from these areas that is still on hand should be destroyed and any illnesses reported to the DPH Food Protection Program at 860-509-7297.

This recall was implemented 08/02/13, and at this time we are only able to identify states and shippers that directly received affected product. The list of states and dealers receiving product is expected to grow as the product is shipped through the distribution chain. Please contact the Bureau with any questions or concerns throughout the weekend as needed (contact information is at the end of this document).

Please request restaurants and retail operations under your jurisdiction to check their existing shellstock and shucked shellfish product for affected lots. The original shipper numbers associated with this recall are listed below, however *not all product associated with these shippers is being recalled* and the harvest location on the tag and shipping records/invoices must be reviewed in order to determine if the shellfish is affected by this recall.

If recall shellfish are identified, please ask restaurant that they do not immediately destroy product but rather place shellfish under embargo, clearly identified that they are not to be sold. Please notify the DA/BA at 203-209-4023 if this product is identified so that we can include the shellfish in the recall tally.

Restaurants and retail establishments may have received product directly from the original harvester or via an ICSSL listed dealer. Not all dealers who may have shipped the affected product have been identified yet.

Please be sure to remind establishments that they should report any illnesses or complaints to the CT Department of Public Health.

Licensed CT Original Shippers (Harvesters) Associated with Recall:

CT 69 SS Norm Bloom and Son
CT 100 SS Hillard Bloom Shellfish
CT 38 SS Michael Oravez
CT 1247 SS A.C. Stabell *In state only
CT 154 SS Tallmadge Land and Sea
CT 136 SS Pramer Oyster

P.O. Box 97, 190 Rogers Avenue, Milford, CT 06460

Fax: 203-783-9976

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Affected Harvest dates:

All shellfish harvested between **07/03/13 and 08/02/13**

Species:

Eastern Oyster (a.k.a. Blue Point Oysters), all sizes, all quantities

Hard clams, all sizes, all quantities

Affected Harvest Locations

Please keep in mind that all of this information may not be present on each tag that you review, and the information may be in a different order than it appears below. For example, CT 79 Westport may read Westport Lot 79, CT or L-79 Westport, or simply L-79 with no town designation.

CT 79 Westport
CT 123 Westport
CT 207 Westport
CT 173 Westport
CT 109 Norwalk
CT 20 Westport
CT 79 Westport
CT 21 Norwalk
CT 109 Norwalk
CT 253 Norwalk
CT 268 Westport
CT 254 Westport
CT 599 Westport
CT 255 Norwalk
CT 270 Norwalk
CT 595C Westport
CT 595D Westport
CT 105 Westport
CT 207 Westport
CT 67 Westport
CT 171 Westport
CT 71 Westport
CT 73 Norwalk

States that Received Affected Product Directly from CT Shippers:

CT, MA, ME, NY, PA, RI, NJ

ICSSL Dealers that Received Affected Product Directly from CT Shippers:

CT: Jeff Northrup dba Westport Aquaculture CT 40 SS
CT: CT Shellfish CT 167 SS
CT: Sono Seafood CT 253 SS
CT: Steven Burt Seafood CT 170 RS
CT: Steven Burt Seafood CT 170 RS
MA: Cape Cod MA 3257 SS
MA: North Coast Seafood MA 437 SP

MA: Cape Cod MA 3257 SS
MA: Foley MA 4264 SS
MA: Pangaea MA 9169 SS
MA: Steve Connolly MA 3075 SS/MA 4793 RP
ME: Spinney Creek ME 271 DP
ME: JP Shellfish ME 352 SS
NY: Bronx Fish NY 523 RS
NY: Val's Ocean NY 521 SS
NY: John Nagle Co. MA 940 SS
NY: K & B Shellfish NY 708 SP
NY: Grand Central Oyster bar Restaurant
NY: Blue Island NY 847 SS/NY 750 SS
NY: Meat Without Feet NY 783 SS
NY: Mr. Shellfish LLC NY 827 SS
PA: Samuel and Son PA 2566 SP
RI: American Mussel RI 234 SS

Shippers that have shellfish beds affected by this closure and recall have been notified and are in the process of initiating the recall. They have been instructed to immediately inform the DA/BA of the following: 1) Harvest location and harvest dates affected by this recall 2) The names and contact information of consignees who received this product 3) Quantities of shellstock that have been shipped from these areas 4) Advise consignees that the product is not to be sold or shipped; Unless advised otherwise by the Authority, the product is to remain on the premises until the Authority representative or other designee arrives; 5) As the recall proceeds inform DA/BA of the quantities of products returned or corrected by each consignee contacted and the quantity of products accounted for.

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